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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Boards of Health

FROM: Jennifer Murphy, Assistant Director  
Division of Community Sanitation

DATE: May 9, 2003

RE: Recreational Camps for Children

Enclosed with this memo you will find the information listed below regarding recreational camps for children. The final emergency regulations as well as the inspection report form can also be accessed at [www.state.ma.us/dph/dcs](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/dcs). If you have questions concerning either document, please contact Jennifer Murphy at (617) 983-6766 or Howard Wensley at (617) 983-6761.

- A final copy of the emergency amendments to 105 CMR 430.000 that are currently in effect. Please note that the wording for the definition of staff has been revised since the last mailing of March 11, 2003. The substance of this definition has not changed; an employee is an individual who receives payment from the camp operator for services performed for the camp. The new definition however, clarifies that a person performing emergency services at the camp under the supervision of the camp operator, e.g., a plumber fixing a broken pipe, is **not** considered camp staff.

Please remember that the camp operator must obtain criminal background information on all staff. See 430.090 for all background information requirements for staff and volunteers.

- A final copy of the inspection report.
- Information from the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control regarding Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and camp operations. Please call (617) 983-6800 with any questions regarding this information.

